



# Clinical Congress News

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## Opening Ceremony: John Ochsner shares insights into his visionary father

**J**ohn L. Ochsner, MD, FACS, described his father, Alton Ochsner, as a man of uncompromising principles and vision during yesterday's Opening Ceremony for the 2001 Clinical Congress. Dr. Ochsner is chairman emeritus, department of surgery, Ochsner Clinic, and clinical professor, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA.

Alton Ochsner "inherited his courage from his parents," Dr. John Ochsner said. They moved from Wisconsin to the Dakota territories in a covered wagon. Alton Ochsner was the youngest and the only boy among seven children of the owner of a general store.

His uncle, A.J. Ochsner, was a thriving surgeon in Chicago, IL, who helped to found the ACS and went on to serve as its seventh President. He saw potential in Alton and helped him pay for medical school. Alton Ochsner attended Washington University in St. Louis, MO, for the last two years of medical school and a year of residency in internal medicine. While he was there, the professor of medicine "asked the junior and senior students to witness an autopsy of a what he thought was a very rare case and one that they might never see again. The patient had died of cancer of the lung," Dr. John Ochsner said. This event would prove pivotal throughout Alton Ochsner's career.

However, Alton Ochsner first went on to set precedents in other areas. He performed his surgical residency at Augustana Hospital in Chicago and continued his studies in Europe, where he is credited with being the first physician to perform a blood transfusion. He subsequently returned to the U.S. and established a successful thoracic practice in Chicago and later taught at the

University of Wisconsin in Madison. A year later, Dr. Ochsner was appointed professor of surgery at Tulane University.

"Dad was a man of many facets and enjoyed all that he did. His true love was teaching," Dr. Ochsner said. "He did not believe in textbooks because he felt the information was obsolete by the time the book was printed." A colleague once remarked that "the only thing Alton Ochsner liked to do better than give a lecture was to give two lectures."

Soon after he moved to New Orleans, Dr. Alton Ochsner began seeing many patients with lung cancer. "He noted that all were heavy smokers and, as he said, it did not take a genius to make the correlation." Hence, he became an ardent advocate of placing warning labels on cigarette packages. His persistent insistence that smoking was the major cause of lung cancer "earned him ridicule and damnation, even within the medical profession," Dr. John Ochsner said. "Despite attempts to destroy his reputation, he held steadfast in his belief and his efforts to improve public health." Indeed, he openly chastised the American Medical Association for being derelict in its failure to educate the public about the hazards of smoking.

Throughout his often contentious career, Dr. Alton Ochsner went on to defend radical pneumonectomy as the preferred procedure for treating lung cancer until he became convinced that lobectomy was safer and equally effective. His other areas of interest and expertise included venous thrombosis and the prevention of pulmonary embolisms, and he was among the first to show that vitamin E acts as an antioxidant.

Dr. Alton Ochsner also proved to be an

independent thinker when addressing social issues. "My father was a very conservative man; however, much of what he did and fought for would be considered liberal in action," Dr. John Ochsner said. Once again raising the ire of fellow physicians, Dr. Alton Ochsner suggested a plan for periodic prepayment of medical and hospital costs, so that low-income individuals and families would have access to care. Moreover, he and four of his colleagues at Tulane decided to start a multispecialty group practice, which met with bitter opposition from local physicians, who felt that the clinic would pose unfair competition because it could provide a higher standard of care. To this claim, Dr. Alton Ochsner retorted, "That's why we're building it."

"When the Ochsner Foundation Hospital was opened in 1947, he insisted that it be racially integrated, and it was the first private hospital in the South to do so," Dr. Ochsner said. Dr. Alton Ochsner also ensured that the hospital had the first family lounge and patient recovery room.

"He once remarked that the ability of a surgeon is usually inversely proportional to his wealth," Dr. John Ochsner said.



Dr. Ochsner

Nonetheless, these attitudes could never be confused with left-of-center political beliefs. "Dad thought communism was an anathema," Dr. John Ochsner said. "He fought it with many speeches and newspaper editorials." In short, "Alton Ochsner was a man who dauntlessly pursued life," he said. "He stuck by his convictions no matter what the consequence."

## Martin Memorial update

Due to a last-minute cancellation, Rev. Peter J. Gomes will not be presenting the Martin Memorial Lecture on Thursday afternoon. Instead, the College has scheduled a session entitled Unconventional Civilian Disasters: What the Surgeon Should Know.

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, San Diego, CA, Chair of the College's Committee on Trauma, will present A Community

"Systems Response." Donald Fry, MD, FACS, Albuquerque, NM, will discuss Chemical and Biological Disasters—The Details.

The session will take place from 3:15 to 3:55 pm in the Conference Auditorium of the Morial Convention Center. This timely program will be followed by the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates.

## A message to attendees

**Not surprisingly, the events surrounding the terrorist attacks of September 11 have had some impact on this year's Clinical Congress. We have had presenters among the faculty for the Congress who, for a variety of reasons related to September 11, have notified the College that they would not be making their presentations. We have needed to cancel several sessions because of either miniscule registrations or faculty cancellations. What was surprising to us was how few of these irregularities arose under the circumstances.**

**Nonetheless, we trust that those of you who are attending the Clinical Congress will be understanding about the fact that there have been a few rough spots in the program. The College regards the uninterrupted conduct of the Clinical Congress as an act of patriotism and thanks its entire membership for the marvelous support.**



# Gibbon Lecture: Vincent Gott takes audience on an odyssey

During the John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture yesterday, Vincent L. Gott, MD, FACS, noted the parallels between space exploration and surgery. The title of Dr. Gott's presentation was 2001—An Odyssey of Space and Cardiac Surgery. He started the session with clips from the movie 2001 A Space Odyssey, splicing in clips of a surgeon performing surgery on an astronaut from the Houston Space Center, and concluded with footage taped just days ago of the astronauts on the International Space Shuttle.

"Certainly, placing a man on the moon and the development of open-heart surgery are considered major achievements of the 20th Century," he said. Dr. Gott is the director of the Dana and Albert Broccoli Center for Aortic Diseases and a professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Gott described the acts of the "courageous explorers" in these fields and outlined their recent histories. Specifically, he outlined six eras of advancement in space exploration and cardiac surgery during the 1900s.

One era he dubbed "First Steps." First steps in space exploration, he said,

included Russia's launch of Sputnik in 1957 and the U.S. orbiting the earth. First steps in cardiac surgery included ligation of patent ductus arteriosus and the extraction of missles from the hearts.

During the second era pioneers in the fields took "Giant Steps," according to Dr. Gott. These achievements included John Glenn orbiting the moon three times and the insertion of a shunt for tetralogy.

Next came what Dr. Gott called the "Remarkable Pioneering Achievements." Among them were the launch of the Gemini space capsule and closure of ASD with hypothermia, followed by John Gibbon's closure of ASD using a screen oxygenator.

This exciting period, however, was followed by one of "Deep Gloom," Gott said. Apollo I blew up in flames, killing the three crew members and "almost closing the space program for good." In surgery, Dr. Gibbon experienced five failed ASD closures.

Fortunately, progress continued in both areas, making way for what Gott called "Moon Shots of the Century." These successes included Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon on

July 20, 1969, and Lillihei's repair of VSD with cross circulation in March 1954. Dr. Gott was an intern under Dr. Lillihei and witnessed his achievement firsthand.

Dr. Gott said that "Major Achievements" of the last few decades in the space program included six lunar landings, more than 100 space shuttle missions, exploration of Mars, placement of the Hubble telescope, and the International Space Station. Recent major achievements in surgery include the development of oxygenators, prosthetic valves, pacemakers, cardiac bypass operations, heart and lung transplants, and mechanical hearts.

"As I was doing my research for this presentation, I was amazed at the amount of shared technology between these two areas," Dr. Gott said. For example, both fields are using robotic manipulation and digital-imaging processing.

In addition, Dr. Gott noted that space medicine research may yield significant findings in the future. He said there are dozens of studies being conducted to examine the deleterious circulatory problems and the loss of bone and muscle mass among space travelers.



Dr. Gott

Before showing the greeting from the crew of the International Space Station, Dr. Gott concluded his remarks by noting that Denton Cooley, MD, FACS, told him, "There are no better examples of bold, courageous pioneers than those who first went into space and those who first entered the heart."



## CME courses sponsored by ACS Committee on Trauma

- Advances in Trauma; November 30-December 1, 2001; Kansas City, MO
- Trauma and Critical Care-2002; March 25-27, 2002; Las Vegas, NV
- Trauma and Critical Care-2002; Point/Counterpoint XXI; June 3-5, 2002; Atlantic City, NJ

Complete course information can be viewed online (as it becomes available) through the American College of Surgeons Web site: [www.facs.org/dept/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html](http://www.facs.org/dept/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html).

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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## Complimentary consultations on practice management available

Fellows are invited to register for a complimentary practice management consultation during this week's Clinical Congress. Consultations will take place at the ASC Resource Center, located near the general registration area in the Morial Convention Center.

The 30-minute consultations are being provided by Tom Loughrey of Economedix, a highly regarded consultant in the field of practice management. Fellows may address questions concerning practice management issues, such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on.

Appointment slots are scheduled at the following times from Tuesday, October 9, through Thursday, October 11:

|          |         |          |          |          |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 9:00 am  | 9:30 am | 10:00 am | 10:45 am | 11:15 am |
| 11:45 am | 1:00 pm | 1:30 pm  | 2:00 pm  | 2:45 pm  |
| 3:15 pm  | 3:45 pm | 4:15 pm  |          |          |

Please stop by the ACS Resource Center to schedule your appointment.

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# Researchers report on use of skin donor cells for burn care

**D**uring Monday's Plastic Surgery I session of the Surgical Forum, investigators presented one of the first reports of the use of a continuous skin cell line in animals that eventually may be tailored to become permanent skin coverings. These coverings could be used to treat patients with massive burns or chronic wounds, such as ulcers caused by diabetes or inadequate blood flow, or infected wounds. The only other report of the discovery of the continuous cell line in the clinical literature appeared in the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*.

As Michael Schurr, MD, FACS, associate professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison, explained, most cultured human keratinocytes have limited life spans; they may perpetuate over about 15 serial cultures. However, the Near-diploid Immortal Keratinocyte Skins (NIKS™) cell line, which was discovered by B. Lynn Allen-Hoffmann, PhD, a professor of pathology at the University of Wisconsin, has a survival advantage due to genetic modification. Scientists consequently can make permanent additions or deletions to the genome of the cell line to address specific wound-healing problems.

"Theoretically, we can have the cells express platelet-derived growth factor, vascular endothelial growth factor, or any number of growth factors that might accelerate the healing of burn wounds or treat a vascular patient with poor blood flow who has a vascular ulcer on the foot," Dr. Schurr said. "If we can knock out factors that cause rejection, we could potentially use the cell line to create permanent skin grafts. A cell line that doesn't have factors that cause rejection could be used in any patient. It would be universal donor skin." As a result, the NIKS™ cell line might overcome some of the drawbacks associated with current treatment of burn wounds. Because patients with massive burn wounds typically reject skin grafts from unrelated donors, they must undergo skin grafting that uses their own tissue. During the grafting procedure, patches of the patient's skin are taken from healthy sites to cover burn wounds. "The bigger the burn area, the harder it is to do grafting because we have to mesh and expand the patient's own skin and take grafts from donor sites over and over again," Dr. Schurr said.

Although artificial skin substitutes are available, they can take two to three weeks to obtain. The best artificial skin

substitutes on the market composed of the patient's own keratinocytes are only about two to five cell layers thick. These paper-thin strips are friable, and the rate of success of covering burn wounds is low, Dr. Schurr said.

In contrast, the NIKS™ skin cell line Dr. Schurr is studying can be grown to produce the full architecture of skin with a thickness from 45 to 60 cell layers. It also can be cultured more quickly than current skin substitutes. "If you had this human keratinocyte cell line available, you could use it in conjunction with a patient's cells. You wouldn't have to take weeks to expand cultures from the patient's cells; you could mix the two types of cells together and produce a normal sheet of skin much faster. The speed of obtaining an effective skin covering is of vital importance in the treatment of burns, because the longer you wait, the greater the chance that a patient may develop infection," he said.

The cell line might be adapted to treat an even larger patient population—those with chronic wounds. "An even more exciting application of this research is to perform genetic transfections and get the NIKS™ cell line to express different growth factors," he said. "The cultured skin, therefore, might be genetically

manipulated to respond to a patient's specific needs."

"None of this has been realized yet," Dr. Schurr cautioned. The study presented at the Clinical Congress describes the first test of the NIKS™ human keratinocyte cell line with another human donor's keratinocyte. Dr. Schurr and his colleagues cultured the continuous cell line with donor keratinocytes and applied the combination to the skin of immunosuppressed mice. The study showed that the NIKS™ cell line behaved normally; it maintained normal growth characteristics and skin cell architecture.

The NIKS™ cells have not been used in human studies. At the present time, Dr. Schurr and his associates are considering testing the NIKS™ skin cell line on patients with substantial serious wounds who would otherwise receive cadaver skin grafts.

"The potential power of the NIKS™ human skin cell line is that we can genetically engineer the cells," Dr. Schurr said. "So, theoretically, we may be able to create and maintain specific cell lines on a shelf. There is tremendous potential here."

Angela Gibson, RN, and Sandra Schlosser also participated in the study.

## CESTE session considers robotics in surgery

The Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will sponsor a symposium on Wednesday morning titled Objective Assessment of Surgical Skills. The program will take place from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 260-262 of the Morial Convention Center.

Thomas M. Krummel, MD, FACS, Stanford, CA, and Richard M. Satava, MD, FACS, New Haven, CT, will serve as moderators for the program.

Speakers will examine surgical simulators (real and virtual) and their accompanying measurements, focusing on various surgical specialties where the technology is being implemented and tested—such as general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, and otorhinolaryngology.

A complete listing of speakers and topics may be found on page 42 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

## College hosts minority high school students

The Graduate Medical Education Committee will again host its minority high school student mentoring program, "A Day at the American College of Surgeons." The project is designed to identify and recruit African-American and Hispanic students into the medical profession and eventually into surgery. The continued aim of this program is to provide information to high school students, their families, and their counselors about college and medical school requirements.

A total of 125 minority 10th and 11th grade students from 14 New Orleans public schools have been invited to attend the Clinical Congress on

Wednesday, October 10. This program is an exciting opportunity for these young people to meet and interact with surgeons from all over the world. Surgeons have been recruited to be mentors for these students and will spend a half day with them. The program will also include a visit to the exhibit hall. Look for them, and greet them warmly!

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Donna Coulombe in the Education and Surgical Services Office located near the registration area in Hall E of the Morial Convention Center.

## National Cancer Data Base reports may be previewed this week

Visitors to the Commission on Cancer section of the ACS Resource Center in the Morial Convention Center will have an opportunity to preview prototype benchmark reports of data from the National Cancer Data Base. These reports will give authorized users the opportunity to connect via the Internet to a secure Web site for easy access to online information on cancer patients diagnosed and treated at their facility. Users will have the ability to make a series of selections from drop-down menus by pointing and clicking to compare their facilities cancer patient treatment patterns with hospitals in their state, in their region, or in the U.S. for

specific cancer types. Users can also select output formats for the data, such as tables, bars, or pie charts. These data will allow individual facilities the opportunity to analyze how treatment of their cancer patients differs or is the same as that at like facilities, and they can use these data to make quality improvements in the type of care they provide over time. The reports will become available online at the end of the year. Samples are available on the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care/Cancer page of the College's Web site at [www.facs.org/dept/cancer/coc/springmeeting.html](http://www.facs.org/dept/cancer/coc/springmeeting.html).



# San Diego hosts 30th Spring Meeting

**T**he 30th annual Spring Meeting of the American College of Surgeons will be held April 14-17, 2002, at the Hyatt Regency San Diego, San Diego, CA.

To emphasize its strong commitment to and support of general surgery, the College devotes its annual Spring Meeting to the interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon under the auspices of the College's Advisory Council for General Surgery.

For the 2002 meeting, the full array of the College's growing number of skills acquisition courses in ultrasound and image-guided breast procedures, which continue to be heavily subscribed, will be included. A new postgraduate course on informatics is planned. Minimal access, vascular, and trauma/emergency surgery will again be addressed during postgraduate courses at the meeting.

What Will the Next Health Care System Be? is the title of the 2002 annual Assembly for General Surgeons, to be held on Sunday, April 14. The combination of having George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS, an authority on the subject, organizing and moderating this provocative session and the unexpected recent turn of world events is sure to generate intense interest in this session. As the assembly encourages discussion by everyone in attendance, the result is always a lively meeting.

Plenary panel discussions to be pre-

sented from Monday to Wednesday of the meeting will address current aspects of the clinical management of (1) ventral hernia, (2) malignant melanoma, (3) anorectal disease, (4) pancreatitis, and (5) vascular access.

The Excelsior Lecture for 2002 will be presented by Lawrence W. Way, MD, FACS. The title of Dr. Way's lecture will be announced in the near future.

Technical exhibits will again enhance the value of the meeting. More than 50 companies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery. Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members of the College will be receiving the 2002 Spring Meeting Preliminary Program and registration form in early February.

The preliminary program will be published in the January 2002 issue of the *Bulletin*. Also look for information on the College's Web site, [www.facs.org](http://www.facs.org), beginning in January 2002. Further registration information may be obtained from Convention and Meetings at the College's headquarters.

Since 1997, when the annual Spring Meeting was last held in San Diego, the city has made great strides in developing its attractiveness as a convention venue, and those who attend the meeting will undoubtedly be extremely pleased by the ambience with which San Diego greets them.



## 2002 Spring Meeting Preliminary Program

### Assembly for General Surgeons

What Will the Next Health Care System Be?

### Excelsior Surgical Society/Edward D. Churchill Lecture

### General Sessions

- Ventral Hernia

- Melanoma
- Film Program/Highlights of the 2001 Clinical Congress
- Anorectal Disease
- Pancreatitis
- Vascular Access
- Cancer Case Presentations

### Postgraduate Courses

- Informatics
- Image-Guided Breast Biopsy (Core Lectures)
- SEPAP
- Ultrasound for Surgeons
- Ultrasound Instructors' Course
- Breast Ultrasound (Lectures/Workshop)
- Minimal Access Surgery
- Ultrasound in the Acute Setting
- Abdominal Ultrasound (Lectures and Workshop)
- Vascular Surgery 2002
- Stereotactic Breast Biopsy (Lectures/Workshop)
- Clinical Problems in Trauma and Emergency Surgery

Register online at: <http://www.facs.org>

### Advance registration fees

Fellows: No Fee  
Associate Fellows: No Fee  
ACS Candidate Group: No Fee  
Medical Students: No Fee (with verification letter)  
Guest Physician: \$375  
Resident in Surgery: \$100 (with verification letter)  
Allied Health Professional: \$150  
PhD: \$375  
Commercial Press: \$125  
Commercial Representative: \$375  
(Fees are subject to change)

### Accreditation

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

### CME credit

The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education activity meets the criteria for hour-for-hour credit in Category 1 towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.



## ACS launches CME Joint Sponsorship Program

The Office of Continuing Medical Education of the American College of Surgeons has announced the launch of a CME Joint Sponsorship Program. The program will be conducted by the ACS as a national accrediting organization under the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and will offer cost-effective joint sponsorship to not-for-profit surgical organizations nationwide for the CME programs and meetings.

Further information and application materials are available from the program's administrator, Kathleen Goldsmith, at [JSP@facs.org](mailto:JSP@facs.org).

## Activities currently sponsored:

**North Pacific Surgical Association**  
88th Annual Meeting  
Victoria, BC, Canada  
November 9-10, 2001

**Western Surgical Association**  
2001 Annual Scientific Session  
San Antonio, TX  
November 11-14, 2001

**Ohio State University  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation**  
*Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery*  
Marco Island, FL  
January 25-26, 2002

**Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society**  
12th Annual Winter Meeting  
Breckenridge, CO  
January 31-February 3, 2002

**Pacific Coast Surgical Association**  
73rd Annual Meeting  
Las Vegas, NV  
February 15-18, 2002

**Surgical Education Week**  
Joint Meeting of the Association for Surgical Education and the Association of Program Directors in Surgery  
Baltimore, MD  
April 2-6, 2002



# Allied Meetings

## Tuesday

### Morning

#### ISDS (Formerly CICD)

6:30 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 12, Floor 1

#### Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

#### University of Chicago, Department of Surgery - Surgical Journal Editors

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast  
Royal Sonesta, Madewood Room, Floor 2

#### American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - ASCRS Socioeconomic Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Lg Riverside 4110, Floor 4

#### International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons

10:30 am - 2:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 1, Floor 2

### Afternoon

#### American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - ASCRS Residents Committee

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough B, Floor 2

#### James IV Association of Surgeons

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Meeting and Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Ballroom II, Floor 12

### Evening

#### University of Rochester Surgical Alumni and Associates

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, St. Charles, Floor 41 (VIP Suites)

#### Brooklyn & L.I. Chapter/ACS & SUNY, Stony Brook 87th Annual Clinical Congress Reception

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras A, Floor 3

#### SUNY Upstate Medical University Department of Surgery and Medical Alumni Association - Syracuse

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

#### USU Surgical Associates Military

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C.  
**Event cancelled.**

#### American Society of Breast Surgeons General Membership

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Meeting  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Azalea I, Floor 3

#### University of California, San Diego - Foundation for Surgical Education

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Windsor Court, La Gallery A/B, Floor 4

#### University of New Mexico Department of Surgery “Building a Tradition”

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon D Sec. 19, Floor 1

#### Northwestern University Medical School Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Bacchus, Floor 4

#### University at Buffalo Department of Surgery, University at Buffalo Medical Alumni Association, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute Division of Surgical Oncology

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Regent, Floor 4

#### University of Oklahoma Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Bonaparte, Floor 4

#### Maimonides Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Napoleon, Floor 41 (VIP Suites)

#### UC Davis Surgical Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Salon, Floor 12

#### University of North Carolina Surgical Alumni/ Nathan A. Womack Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras G/H, Floor 3

#### Roy D. McClure Surgical Alumni Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon B Sec. 7, Floor 1

#### South Carolina Chapter, ACS, Department of Surgery Medical University of South Carolina, Department of Surgery, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Department of Surgery Greenville Hospital System, Department of Surgery Spartanburg Memorial Hospital

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

#### Tufts University School of Medicine

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Terrace, Floor 12

#### Surgical Society NY Medical College

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Fairmont New Orleans, Gold Room, Floor Mezzanine

#### Washington University School of Medicine Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon C Sec. 13, Floor 1

#### University of Washington Henry N. Harkins Surgical Society Alumni

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Reception  
Royal Sonesta, South Ballroom, Floor Ground

#### Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Surgery Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Melrose, Floor 3

#### Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon D Sec. 21, Floor 1

#### Hong Kong Chapter, ACS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A Sec. 3, Floor 1

#### University of Minnesota Department of Surgery Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Napoleon Ballroom, Floor 3

#### Wayne State University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Ballroom I, Floor 12

#### Department of Surgery, Universities of Louisville and Kentucky, Reception for Alumni, Faculty and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Versailles Ballroom, Floor 3

#### Guthrie/Robert Packer Hospital General Surgery Residency/Donald Guthrie Society

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough A, Floor 2

#### University of Virginia Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Fairmont New Orleans, University Room, Floor 2

#### Loyola University Department of Surgery Annual Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Herman-Grima House, Ballroom, Floor Main

#### Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Department of Surgery & Surgical Sciences

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Broussard's Restaurant, Courtyard, Floor Main

#### Puerto Rico Chapter, ACS, Nocha Peurtorriquena (Puerto Rico Night)

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Azalea II, Floor 3

#### The James D. Hardy Society and The Department of Surgery, University of MS School of Medicine

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 4, Floor 2

#### MCP Hahnemann University Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Lafayette, Floor 41 (VIP Suites)

#### Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Chairman's Room, Floor 12

#### Stanford University Departments of Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Crescent Ballroom, Floor 11

#### Society of Phillipine Surgeons in America Installation of New Officers

6:30 pm - 10:30 am Reception/Dinner  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 1, Floor 2

#### New Jersey University Programs & ACS Chapter

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

#### Duke University Surgical Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

#### University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
Windsor Court, La Chinoiserie B, Floor 23

#### University of Massachusetts Medical Center

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
Royal Sonesta, Acadia Suite, Floor 2

#### Harvard/Deaconess Surgical Group

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
Windsor Court, La Salon, Floor 1

#### NYU School of Medicine, Department of Surgery Tribute Dinner for Frank C. Spencer, MD

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner  
New Orleans Board of Trade, Trading Floor

#### James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner  
Wyndham at Canal Place, Executive Room, Floor 12

#### Canadian Association of Surgical Chairmen Departments of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Royal Sonesta, North Ballroom, Floor Ground

#### University of Utah School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Reception/Dinner  
New Orleans Marriott, Balcony M, Floor 4

#### AUB Alumni Surgical Society of North America

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras F, Floor 3

#### Boston University Medical School Alumni, Boston Medical Center Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, Balcony J, Floor 4

#### Medical College of Ohio

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A Sec. 4, Floor 1

#### Georgia Chapter, ACS, Medical College of Georgia Department of Surgery, Mercer University/Will Sealy Society, Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Wyndham at Canal Place, River Room, Floor 12

#### Chirurgio Society

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Belle Chase, Floor 3

#### Ravdin-Rhoads Surgical Society

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Reception  
Windsor Court, La Chinoiserie A, Floor 23

## Wednesday

### Morning

#### Association of Women Surgeons, Networking Breakfast

7:00 am - 10:00 am Breakfast  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 3, Floor 2

### Afternoon

#### Central Surgical Association - Membership Committee

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Prince of Wales, Floor 2

#### American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Quality Assessment & Safety Committee

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

#### American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Professional Outreach Committee

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

### Evening

#### American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - General Surgery Residents

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Reception  
Morial Convention Center, 242, Floor 2

#### SAGES - Joint Symposium with SSAT

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Meeting  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 2, Floor 2

#### University of Colorado Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Belle Chase, Floor 3

#### Columbia Presbyterian (John Jones Surgical Society) and P&S Alumni Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Melrose, Floor 3

#### Metropolitan Group Hospitals Residency in General Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

#### Society of Graduate Surgeons of LAC/USC

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Jasperwood, Floor 3

#### Southern California Chapter - American College of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Salon A Sec. 3, Floor 1

# Allied Meetings

**Mayo Medical Alumni Association**  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

**Michigan State University Department of Surgery**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 1, Floor 2

**Meharry Medical College & Matthew Walker Surgical Society**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Elmwood, Floor 3

## Thursday

### Morning

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, International Committee**  
7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Research Foundation Research Committee**  
7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough B, Floor 2

**Society of Surgical Chairmen**  
7:30 am - 5:30 pm Meeting  
Windsor Court, La Gallery A/B, Floor 4

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Membership Committee**  
8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, ASCRS Standards Committee**  
11:30 am - 4:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

### Afternoon

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Public Relations Committee**  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Meeting/Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal and Surgeons, Editorial Board of DC&R**  
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough A, Floor 2

### Evening

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Program Committee**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

## Friday

### Morning

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Web Site Committee**  
7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

### Afternoon

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Pre Agenda**  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

### Evening

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Executive Council**  
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Meeting  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Belle Chase, Floor 3

**American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Executive Council**  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Prince of Wales, Floor 2

# Program Changes

## Cancellations

Atlantis Surgical has canceled booth #839

CeramOptec, Inc. has canceled booth #439

Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics has canceled booth #739

Becton Dickinson has canceled booth #1921

Omnisonics Medical Technologies has canceled booth #804

## New Exhibitors

El Hospital, Cincinatti, OH, booth #746

Key Physician Resources, booth #1923

Link Technology, Inc., Boulder, CO, booth #1921

Medibuy.com, Inc., Mason, OH, booth #439

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, booth #839

Resource Consultants, Inc., booth #2331

## Exhibitor Changes

EndoVentions International, Inc. was in booth #700, now in #805

Dofi Communications was in booth #2331, now in #804

## Session Changes

### Tuesday, October 9

**GS13 - Correlative Clinical Case No. 1: Comprehensive Trauma Care: The Relationship between Level 1 Trauma Centers and Community Hospitals, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

1. The View from a Level II Trauma Center, Charles R. Rinker II, MD, FACS
2. Level I Trauma Care: Providing a Resource for a Large Regions, Donald D. Trunkey, MD, FACS
3. Trauma Systems: An Historical Aspect, John P. Hunt III, MD, FACS

**Otorhinolaryngology Motion Picture Session: *Cancelled***

Wednesday, October 10; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Morial Convention Center, Room 231-232  
MP-ORL 179

# PG course manuals available on CD-ROM

A CD-ROM containing 20 Postgraduate (PG) course syllabi from the 2001 Clinical Congress is now on sale. The CD may be purchased for \$30 each at the ACS Publications Booth in the Morial Convention Center.

The following PG manuals are included on the CD:

- PG 03: Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment
- PG 07: Head and Neck Surgery
- PG 09: Diseases of the Liver, Biliary Tract, and Pancreas
- PG 10: Vascular Surgery
- PG 11: Thoracic Surgery
- PG 12: Current Controversies in Cancer Management
- PG 14: Gastrointestinal Disease
- PG 19: Minimal Access Surgery
- PG 20: Clinical Update in Trauma
- PG 21: Cardiac Surgery
- PG 22: Laparoscopy and Urology
- PG 23: Surgical Infection and Antibiotics
- PG 24: Breast Disease
- PG 25: Pre- and Postoperative Care (Nutritional Support)
- PG 26: Anesthetic Innovations for Improving Surgery and Postoperative Pain Control
- PG 29: Practical Operating Room Management for Surgeons
- PG 31: Complex Hemangiomas and Vascular Malformations
- PG 32: Perioperative Care of the Anemic Patient
- PG 34: Colon and Rectal Surgery
- PG 35: The Anatomy and Surgical Correction of Groin and Abdominal Wall Hernias

Following the Clinical Congress, the CD-ROM will be available for sale on the College's Web site at [www.facs.org](http://www.facs.org).



## Don't miss your Friday CCN

Fellows who will not be in New Orleans on Friday to pick up their copy of the Clinical Congress News (CCN) may obtain one by notifying the CCN office in the Morial Convention Center (tel. 670-4919)—we will be happy to mail the issue to you.

The Friday issue contains information on:

- Coverage of the Presidential Address of R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS
- Convocation activities
- The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award
- Announcement of the College's President-Elect and other Officers-Elect
- Information on new and re-elected Regents and Governors

Also, any back issues of this week's CCN may be obtained after the Congress by contacting Stephen Regnier, Communications, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211; tel. 312/202-5331, e-mail [sregnier@facs.org](mailto:sregnier@facs.org).





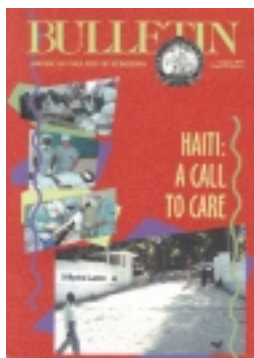
Members of the Board of Regents, ACS Officers, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met Saturday for their annual luncheon. Pictured front row, left to right: William F. Sasser, St. Louis, MO; Sylvia D. Campbell, Tampa, FL; Jack W. McAninch, San Francisco, CA; Lazar J. Greenfield, Ann Arbor, MI; LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., Atlanta, GA; Kathryn D. Anderson, Los Angeles, CA; William H. Coles, New Orleans, LA; Margaret F. Longo, Hot Springs, AR; Harvey W. Bender, Jr., Nashville, TN; R. Scott Jones, Charlottesville, VA; C. James Carrico, Dallas, TX; Thomas R. Russell, Chicago, IL; Mary H. McGrath, Maywood, IL; Josef E. Fischer, Boston, MA; Maurice J. Webb, Rochester, MN; and Alden H. Harken, Denver, CO. Back row, left to right: G. Wilkins Hubbard II, Norfolk, VA; J. Patrick O'Leary, New Orleans, LA; Barbara L. Bass, Baltimore, MD; Gerald B. Healy, Boston, MA; Paul E. Collicott, Lincoln, NE; John T. Preskitt, Dallas, TX; Ronald E. Rosenthal, Wayland, MA; Richard J. Finley, Vancouver, BC; Edward R. Laws, Jr., Charlottesville, VA; Jonathan L. Meakins, Montreal, PQ; L.D. Britt, Norfolk, VA; David L. Nahrwold, Chicago, IL; Edward M. Copeland III, Gainesville, FL, and John L. Cameron, Baltimore, MD.

## Program extols the merits of surgical outreach programs

The Advisory Councils for the Surgical Specialties will sponsor a multidisciplinary session to be held on Wednesday afternoon entitled Surgical Outreach Beyond Our Borders: Mission and Mercy. The session will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Room 220-222 of the Morial Convention Center. John E. Woods, MD, FACS, Rochester, MN, will serve as moderator.

Surgeons from all disciplines across the U.S. are actively engaged in a variety of programs that provide outreach to the

rest of the world in an effort to foster medical care and education. Some individuals devote weeks, others years, to areas in need, and their reasons are quite diverse. Their activities have formed the basis for the extremely



popular, ongoing series in the *Bulletin* devoted to volunteer outreach surgery.

For this session, a panel of experts in the field will review the status of outreach programs, discussing both successes and failures that may result. Scheduled topics and speakers are: Improvising in Surgery in Underserved Countries, by Harold P. Adolph, MD, FACS, Sebring, FL; Crossing Cultures in the Surgical Care of Women, by Dorothy M. Barbo, MD, FACS, Albuquerque, NM; Introducing Young Surgeons to

Overseas Service, by Glenn W. Geelhoed, MD, FACS, Washington, DC; Ophthalmologic Surgery: Teaching and Clinical Practice in Underserved Countries, by Lowell Gess, MD, Alexandria MN; Developing Cardiac Surgery Programs in Underserved Countries—An Eight-Year Experience, by Robert E. Michler, MD, FACS, Columbus, OH; and Teaching New Surgical Techniques in Overseas Surgery, by Douglas W. Soderdahl, MD, FACS, Villa Rica, GA.

## ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice unveiled during Congress

In collaboration with WebMD®, the American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce a new title for *Scientific American® Surgery*—*ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice*. *ACS Surgery* is the first Web-based surgical reference for practicing surgeons, and allows immediate access to updated procedures, recommendations, and developments.

"This week marks an exciting new era for the American College of Surgeons in its ongoing efforts to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice with the introduction of the newly published *ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice*," said Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS,

Executive Director of the College.

*ACS Surgery* surgical information system applies "the best of current surgical thinking to the practice of modern surgery," according to Douglas W. Wilmore, MD, FACS, *ACS Surgery* editorial chairman and the Frank Sawyer Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

This week, for the first time, all pieces of the system are available for examination and purchase during the Clinical Congress. A new professionally designed bound volume forms the foundation of the *ACS Surgery* surgical information system. As a special one-time feature, this annual resource includes a CD-ROM containing the algorithms and exquisite illustrations (many in full

color) made famous in *Scientific American® Surgery* and ready for your use in presentations or for educational purposes. Monthly updates to this encyclopedic reference appear on the Web (*ACS Surgery* is the first and only Web-enabled surgical reference). A Web-based self-assessment program offering 120 Category 1 CME credits a year is also being offered for the first time.

During the Congress, you can purchase the inaugural version of the *ACS Surgery* Surgical Information System at a special introductory price of \$149—a \$50 savings off the \$199 price, which takes effect November 1. The system includes the following: A bound volume, a CD-ROM containing illustrations and algorithms, monthly Web

updates, and a self-assessment program offering 120 Category 1 CME credits (a nominal \$50 processing fee applies).

Orders can be placed at the WebMD booth #1754 in the technical exhibit area, as well as at the *ACS Surgery* stand near the College's Publications Booth.

### Registration totals

**As of Monday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 10,287; 5,293 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.**